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#### **ITEM 1. Proposed Project**

The Inyo National Forest's (INF) proposed enforcement Project is of increased patrol and education. The grant request would support increased patrol through equipment, salaries, and supplies.

The INF consists of 2 million acres in the Eastern Sierra. Of this, 650,000 acres comprise 7 designated Wilderness Areas. The terrain is varied from the high desert to mountain peaks. The Inyo has over 1300 miles of roads and trails being utilized by the public for OHV recreation and 1700 miles of unauthorized routes.

The INF is unique in its diverse landscape, accessibility, and multi-season Off Highway Vehicle use. Highway 395, the main corridor between Reno and Los Angeles, makes it easily accessible, attracting users from the surrounding regions. The summer and fall bring OHV enthusiasts to enjoy their ATVs, UTVs and SUVs. In the winter and spring attention turns to snowmobiles, utilizing many of the same roads and trails.

The INF has increased the number of Law Enforcement Officers (LEOs) patrolling the forest from 1 in 2007, to 5 in 2009. With this increase in personnel comes the need for funding. In addition to the LEOs, the INF employs numerous Forest Protection Officers (FPOs). FPOs have the authority to observe and report violation of Federal laws and regulations to law enforcement officers, attempt to gain compliance by educating persons who are in violation of regulations, and to issue Violation Notices. The LEOs and FPOs will work hand in hand to patrol the Inyo National Forest for enforcement and educational purposes.

The items in the grant request were evaluated and balanced in order to maximize the benefit to the public and the forest. The majority of the funding requested is for salaries, primarily for FPOs' daily salaries and overtime and a smaller amount LEOs. Currently, FPOs and LEOs rarely work holidays due to lack of funding. Unfortunately this is often when the forest sees the most use. It is imperative to have the proper staffing for enforcement and educational purposes.

Another portion of the grant application focuses on equipment. Funding for 2 major items has been requested. The first is a mountain snowmobile. Law Enforcement has access to two older trail sleds that are inadequate for the needs of the department. The trail sleds are incapable of operating in the deep powder snow of the INF making pursuing wilderness intrusions impossible as they are off the groomed trails causing the heavy sleds to get stuck. Responding to emergencies is extremely difficult and search and rescue in the backcountry is not feasible with the current sleds. Mountain sleds have longer tracks, longer lugs, are considerably lighter and are designed to be operated in the backcountry. An adequate sled is crucial to enforcement of wilderness boundaries, responding to emergencies and participating in search and rescue operations.

The second major item that funding has been requested for is a Police Dog. A canine would serve as a patrol partner and help ensure the officer's safety in remote locations while on OHV patrol. The funding requested would be utilized for the purchase of the dog and the certification for the dog and handler. No funding is requested for equipment and upkeep of the dog, salary and per diem of the Officer, monthly qualifications or vehicle modifications required for a K9 Team. Funding for this purchase is requested due to the broad expanse of the INF and geographic area that OHV patrol occurs in. Officers are presented with unique challenges including lack of radio and cell phone coverage due to the remote areas patrolled. This often leaves the officer without communication, in remote locations, in potentially dangerous situations with backup frequently over an hour away. Certainly not the best circumstances, but often an OHV patrol necessity. A K9 would be utilized extensively during large group events on the forest like the Mammoth Motocross, the longest continually running motocross in the United States and the Sierra Safari, a trail event for OHV enthusiasts. The INF personnel have developed a close working relationship with the Rangers of the Bureau of Land Management in the Bishop Field Office. The patrol districts of both agencies share boundaries and the BLM faces many of the challenges of OHV patrol that the INF faces. LEOs from the Inyo are often assigned to details with the BLM in Glamis, CA. The INF Patrol Captain is very supportive of the BLM and their OHV enforcement efforts. He has supplied LEOs when requested by the BLM and is committed to continuing this practice with a K9 Unit. State and local agencies would benefit from the K9 Unit as well during their OHV and OSV patrol. It is believed that a K9 unit can save as much as 1000 man hours per year. With five Law Enforcement Officers available to patrol two million acres of the INF, there is no doubt that a Police Dog would prove to be a worthy

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investment.

#### **ITEM 2. Project Coverage**

The Inyo National Forest consists of over two million acres of land in the Eastern Sierra. However, 650,000 of these acres are Congressionally designated Wilderness Areas, with no motorized travel permitted. The forest has just over 1300 miles of roads and trails being utilized by the public for OHV recreation. In addition to these system roads, approximately 1700 miles of unauthorized routes are located on the forest, thus demonstrating the need for increased patrol and education.

#### ITEM 3. Describe the frequency of the patrols

The five Law Enforcement Officers of the INF work five days a week with varied days off. The forest typically sees the most use on weekends and staffing reflects that. Patrol is a large part of the responsibilities of LEOs and each LEO would generally patrol a significant portion of each day. Exceptions would be days they are traveling, in training, in court proceedings or on other similar assignments. The 25 FPO's would follow similar work schedules and provide additional coverage for patrol.

#### **ITEM 4. Deployment of Personnel**

Five Law Enforcement Officers are employed on the Inyo National Forest. Currently there are 25 Forest Protection Officers. Each of these individuals is charged with playing a significant role in OHV education and enforcement. However, the project responsibility is not limited to LEOs and FPOs. Every employee on the INF has a duty to educate, recognize illegal activities and notify LEOs of OHV concerns. The public is often a tremendous asset as well. Many OHV enthusiasts groups are self-policing and help in keeping the forest employees informed. Community involvement is a necessity for a successful and responsible Off Highway Vehicle program.

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İ	Law Enforcement - Page 1								
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	The Inyo National Forest is home to the Scenic Area in U.S. history. The high dinterdependent plant and animal specie open to OHV use with travel restricted to California Bighorn Sheep Zoological Are close proximity to these areas requiring favorite ride for both OHV and OSV use requires frequent attention from law enforcements. These are also sofficers.	lesert environment had essome found nowher to existing trails. There ea and the Sierra Nevel extra patrol to protect ers. The summit is in a forcement personnel.	rbors a thriving but fragile enter else in the world but More are two protected Bighorn ada Bighorn Sheep Habitat. It the endangered species. It wilderness area and while There are numerous arches.	cosystem of no Lake. This area is a Sheep Areas: the . OHV use is abundant in McGee Mountain is a e signed extensively, it plogical sites located					
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3.	Describe the Applicant's formal or inform	mal cooperation with o	ther law enforcement agen	cies:					
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I	Law Enforcement - Page 2								
4.	Does the Applicant recover a portion of with privately sponsored OHV events w (Please select Yes or No)		<u>-</u>	C Yes C No					
	Explain								
	Privately sponsored OHV events, such the Inyo National Forest. The are requi profits. This money goes to the forest. these events, despite incurring addition. Forest and Law Enforcement operate up	ired to submit financial Law Enforcement on al expenses for increa	records and charged a sm the Inyo National Forest rec used personnel for such larg	all percentage of their ceives no funding from					
5.	The Applicant agrees to implement a pu on safety programs available in the area select Yes or No)			<b>c</b> Yes ○ No					

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6. Describe the Applicant's OHV law enforcement training program including how the training program educates

personnel to address OHV safety and natural and cultural resource protection:

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Safety is of utmost importance during OHV training. Each Law Enforcement Officer and Forest Protection Officer is required to complete both an OHV and OSV training class. The OHV class is coordinated through the ATV Safety Institue. The OSV program is completed on the forest by a certified instructor. LEOs participate in the annual Mammoth Nordic Ski Patrol training class and are educated in Avalanche Training. The LEOs and FPOs are required to wear the appropriate safety gear including but not limited to helmets, goggle, gloves, etc. All employees are well-versed in the Tread Lightly philosophy and not only educate the public is such techniques but demonstrate them as well while working and recreating on the forest.

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7.	Is the proposed project in accordance with local or federal plans and the OHMVR									
8.	LOCAL AGENCIES ONLY - Describe the Applicant's policies and/or agreements regarding enforcement on federand:									
9.	COUNTIES ONLY - Describe how the OHV in-lieu of tax funds are being used and whether the use of these fees complements the Applicant's project:									
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10.	APPLICANTS WHO MANAGE OHV RECREATION FACILITIES – Describe how your organization is meeting its operation and maintenance needs:									
	Law Enforcement does not manage OHV recreation facilities. Management of such facilities falls under the umbrella of the Recreation and Trails Divisions of the Forest Management Team. Law Enforcement personnel works in close conjunction with them to give input, suggestions and feedback.									
11.	The Applicant agrees to enforce the registration of OHVs and the other provision of  Division 16.5 commencing with Section 38000 of the vehicle code and to enforce other applicable laws regarding the operation of OHVs? (Please select Yes or No)									

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APPLICANT NAME :	USFS - Inyo/San Bernardino NF - Patr	ol District						
PROJECT TITLE :	Law Enforcement, Inyo		PROJECT NUMBER (Division use only):					
PROJECT TYPE :	Acquisition	Development	Education & Safety	☐ Ground Operations				
	Law Enforcement	Planning	Restoration					
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Line Item	Qty	Rate	UOM	Grant Request	Match	Total		
IRECT EXPENSES								
rogram Expenses								
Staff								
Other-Forest Protection Officers Base Sa Notes : Forest Protection Officers base salaries	1500.000	16.710	HRS	25,065.00	0.00	25,065.00		
Law Enforcement Officers  Notes : 2 Law Enforcement Officers X 10 holidays X 8 hours	160.000	23.090	HRS	3,694.00	0.00	3,694.00		
Law Enforcement Officers  Notes : Law Enforcement Officers' overtime	115.000	34.640	HRS	3,984.00	0.00	3,984.00		
Law Enforcement Officers  Notes: 5 Law Enforcement Officers X 10 holidays X 8 hours	400.000	23.090	HRS	0.00	9,236.00	9,236.00		
Law Enforcement Officers  Notes: 5 Law Enforcement Officers X 160 hours (18 days)	800.000	23.090	HRS	0.00	18,472.00	18,472.00		
Other-Forest Protection Officers Overtim  Notes: Forest Protection Officers overtime	275.000	25.070	HRS	6,894.00	0.00	6,894.00		
Other-Mammoth Nordic Ski Patrol Notes: The Mammoth Nordic Ski Patrol is a volunteer organization that works in conjunction with the Forest Service to patrol for wilderness intrusions in the backcountry. This matching figure was determined by factoring 6 people X 16 weekends per year X 10 hours per weekend.	960.000	16.710		0.00	16,042.00	16,042.00		
Total for Staff	•			39,637.00	43,750.00	83,387.00		

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	Line Item	Qty	Rate	UOM	Grant Request	Match	Total
2	Contracts				•		
	Air Time  Notes: Overflights for wilderness intrusions. This is strictly paying for flight time and use of the aircraft.	2.000	6500.000	EA	13,000.00	0.00	13,000.00
	Law Enforcement Assistance  Notes: This matching amount is salaries for 6 personnel for 8 hours for 2 days of flight.	2.000	1108.000		0.00	2,216.00	2,216.00
	Total for Contracts				13,000.00	2,216.00	15,216.00
3	Materials / Supplies						
	Safety Equipment Notes: ATV Helmets, Snowmobile Helmets, Goggles, First Aid Kits, Avalanche Beacons, Avalanche Probes	1.000	3000.000	YR	3,000.00	0.00	3,000.00
	Other-Supplies  Notes: Equipment Tie Downs for trailer hauling, Tow Ropes, Fuel Cans, Backpacks, Storage Bags, Ice Scratchers for Snowmobile, Snowmobile Cover	1.000	1000.000	YR	1,000.00	0.00	1,000.00
	Total for Materials / Supplies	<u>.                                      </u>			4,000.00	0.00	4,000.00
4	Equipment Use Expenses						
	Vehicle Operations and Maintenance  Notes: OHV Equipment Fuel and Annual Maintenance costs	1.000	3000.000	YR	3,000.00	0.00	3,000.00
5	Equipment Purchases			_			
	Other-Snowmobile  Notes: 795 cc engine, 153 x 15 x 2.25 inch track, electronic fuel injection, oil injection, hydraulic disc brakes, 11.4 gallon fuel capacity	1.000	10800.000	EA	10,800.00	0.00	10,800.00
	Other-Canine Notes: For the purchase of a Patrol Canine.	1.000	9600.000	EA	9,600.00	0.00	9,600.00

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Line Item	Qty	Rate	иом	Grant Request	Match	Total
Other-Canine Notes: 1) 6 weeks per diem (food and lodging) for officer during the training class (\$6552) 2) vehicle modifications including addition of a dog cage, additional air conditioning unit, remote door release (\$6000), 3) initial vet costs, kennel, food, equipment and supplies (\$4000)	1.000	16552.000	EA	0.00	16,552.00	16,552.00
Total for Equipment Purchases				20,400.00	16,552.00	36,952.00
6 Others						
Training Notes: Forest Protection Officer training, OHV training for Forest Protection Officers and Law Enforcement Officers, and OSV training for Forest Protection Officers and Law Enforcement Officers	1.000	2750.000	YR	2,750.00	0.00	2,750.00
Training  Notes: 6 week training and certification course for the Canine and Handler	1.000	4200.000	EA	4,200.00	0.00	4,200.00
Total for Others				6,950.00	0.00	6,950.00
7 Administrative Costs						
Administrative Costs-Mileage  Notes: 125 miles X 5 Officers X 26 Pay Periods X .51 per mile	16250.00 0	0.510	MI	0.00	8,288.00	8,288.00
Administrative Costs-Patrol Captain's sa Notes: 10 days of salary dedicated to OHV use	1.000	3200.000		0.00	3,200.00	3,200.00
Total for Administrative Costs				0.00	11,488.00	11,488.00
Total Program Expenses				86,987.00	74,006.00	160,993.00
TOTAL DIRECT EXPENSES				86,987.00	74,006.00	160,993.00
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1	Staff	39,637.00	43,750.00	83,387.00					
2	Contracts	13,000.00	2,216.00	15,216.00					
3	Materials / Supplies	4,000.00	0.00	4,000.00					
4	Equipment Use Expenses	3,000.00	0.00	3,000.00					
5	Equipment Purchases	20,400.00	16,552.00	36,952.00					
6	Others	6,950.00	0.00	6,950.00					
7	Administrative Costs	0.00	11,488.00	11,488.00					
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Environmental Review Data Sheet (ERDS) for Grants and Cooperative Agreements Program - 2008/2009
Agency: USFS - Inyo/San Bernardino NF - Patrol District
Application: Law Enforcement, Inyo

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	ITEM 1 and ITEM 2						
	ITEM 1						
a.	<ul> <li>a. ITEM 1 - Has a CEQA Notice of Deter (Please select Yes or No)</li> </ul>	rmination (NOD) been fil	ed for the Project?	С	Yes	•	No
	ITEM 2						
b.	<ul> <li>ITEM 2 - Are the proposed activities a (Please select Yes or No)</li> </ul>	"Project" under CEQA	Guidelines Section 15378?	С	Yes	•	No
C.	c. The Application is requesting funds so and ensure public safety. These activity environment and are thus not a "Proje	ities would not cause an	y physical impacts on the	•	Yes	С	No
d.	<ul> <li>d. Other. Explain why proposed activities a "Project" under CEQA. DO NOT cor</li> </ul>		hysical impacts on the envi	ronm	nent and	are	thus not
I	ITEM 3 - Impact of this Project on We	etlands					
ı	ITEM 4 - Cumulative Impacts of this P	Project					
I	ITEM 5 - Soil Impacts						
I	ITEM 6 - Damage to Scenic Resource	es					
ı	ITEM 7 - Hazardous Materials						
	Is the proposed Project Area located of Section 65962.5 of the California Gove select Yes or No)	-	· · · · · ·	C	Yes	C	No
	If YES, describe the location of the hat taken to minimize or avoid the hazards	•	ect site, the level of hazard	and :	the mea	sure	s to be
ı	ITEM 8 - Potential for Adverse Impact	ts to Historical or Cult	ural Resources				
	Would the proposed Project have potential or cultural resources? (Plea	•	adverse impacts to	С	Yes	C	No
	If YES, describe the potential impacts cultural resources and measures to be	<u>-</u>	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	gnifi	cance of	hist	orical or
ı	ITEM 9 - Indirect Significant Impacts						
,	CEOA/NEPA Attachment						

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